

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (Currently amended) A rowing surf board comprising:

a board having two through holes defined through the board and located at two sides of the board, an oar extending through each of the through holes and pivotably engaged with the board at the through hole, each oar having a blade portion which is pivotably connected thereto such that the blade portion is pivoted to reduce a contact area against water when the blade portion is moved forward;

the board having at least a pair of slots formed in an underside thereof, each blade portion being retractable to a fully recessed position within one of the slots.

2. (Currently amended) The rowing surf board as claimed in claim 1, wherein two first slots are defined in a top of the board and communicate with the two through holes respectively, ~~two second~~ the slots defined in the an underside of the board being second slots ~~and~~ communicating with the two through holes respectively, each ~~the~~ first slot ~~and the second slot~~ sharing a common axis with one of the second slots so that each of the oars is received concurrently therein ~~the first slot and the second slot~~.

3. (Original) The rowing surf board as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of bosses extend from an inside of each of the first slots.

4. (Original) The rowing surf board as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the oars includes a connection portion, a first section and a second section, the connection portion including a passage defined transversely therethrough and a pin extending through the passage and fixedly connected to the board, the first section connected to the connection portion and located above the board, the second section connected to the connection portion and located below the board, the blade portion pivotably connected to the second section.

5. (Original) The rowing surf board as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the blade portions has two lugs extending from a side thereof and the second section is pivotably connected to the two lugs.

6. (Original) The rowing surf board as claimed in claim 5, wherein each of the blade portions has a recessed portion defined between the two lugs and the second section is removably engaged with the recessed portion.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ rowing surf board ~~as claimed in claim 4,~~  
comprising:

a board having two through holes defined through the board and located at two sides of the board, an oar extending through each of the through holes and pivotably engaged with the board at the through hole, each oar having a blade portion which is pivotably connected thereto such that the blade portion is pivoted to reduce a contact area against water when the blade portion is moved forward;

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wherein each passage in the connection portions is a tapered passage  
so that the oars are tilted at an angle during operation.